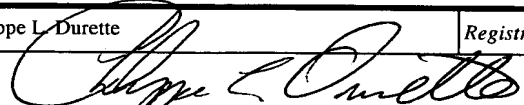


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Prior Application:

Examiner	Lawrence E. Crane
Art Unit	1623

Sir: This is a request for filing a ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional

application, under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending application Serial No. 10/052,318 filed on

January 18, 2002 of Balkrishen Bhat, et al.

(DATE)

(INVENTOR)

for Nucleoside Derivatives As Inhibitors of RNA-Dependent RNA Viral Polymerase

(TITLE OF INVENTION)

1. The enclosed comprises a copy of prior application Serial No. 10/052,318, as filed on January 18, 2002. The entire disclosure of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

FOR	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
Total Claims	10	-	20	0	x	\$18
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*Multiple Dependent Claims						\$290
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3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2755.

4. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This is a ☒ continuation, ☐ division of application Serial No. 10/052,318, filed January 18, 2002.

5. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims: _____.

6. ☒ Preliminary amendment enclosed.

7. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 enclosed.

8a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

8b. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.

9a. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed _____, in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

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9b. ☐ The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

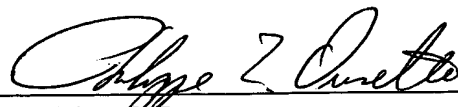
10. ☐ The prior application is assigned to _____.

11. ☒ The undersigned attorney or agent has:

a. ☒ Power in the prior application as originally filed.

b. ☐ Associate power, copy enclosed.

Respectfully,



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